

REMARKS

Claims 27-67 remain in the present application. Claim 66 was amended in this response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that document WO 01/47124 was not considered by the Office. However, it is not understood the reason for denying consideration. To the Applicant's best knowledge, the reference was a complete and legible English-language copy. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the cited document.

Claims 27-65 and 67 have been allowed.

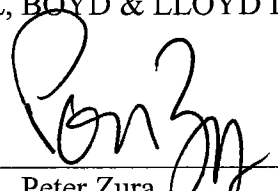
Claim 66 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §112 for being depended upon a canceled base claim. In light of the present amendment to claim 66, Applicant submits the objectionable matter has been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly requested.

In light of the present amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 27-67 are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this Application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from deposit account number 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. (0112740-975) on the account statement.

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